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FOR RINZLER FROM HEDITSIAN

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

RRF: STATE 102521 AND RINZLER/HEDITSIAN TELCOM

1. STILL UNABLE TO REACH AMBASSADOR KHAYAT. PERE HAJ HAS WORD OF ACTING MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT FUNDS ALLOCATED AND ALL SIGNALS GO. ON THIS BASIS NADIA ZEIN AND FATHER HAJ MEETING TODAY DISCUSS DETAILS. NEW CABINET SHOULD BE FORMED ANY DAY AND FACES WILL CHANGE BUT CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT PROMISE OF FUNDS WILL HOLD. SUGGEST YOU GO AHEAD WITH PLANS BUT BE AWARE PROBLEMS COULD ARISE. WILL INFORM YOU WHEN WE RECEIVE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION.

2. BREAKDOWN SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS: 11 SINGERS, 2 SOLISTS (JOSEPH AZAR AND AIDA SHALHOUB), SIX MUSICIANS, FATHER HAJ, NADIA ZEIN, 4 PERSON FROM MTAIN, 2 ZAJEL SINGERS, HUMSI, GUEST SOLOIST MAJDALA. (TOTAL 29). FYI, HUMZI HAS SUBSTITUTED FOR LEAD DANCER FROM JARJAYOUN A 25 YEAR OLD FRIEND. MEANWHILE FATHER HAJ HAS COME UP WITH OLDER MALE LEAD DANCER FROM BAALBECK WHO SOUNDS BETTER THAN HUMSI'S CANDIDATE, GIVEN OUR EARLIER CONCERN ABOUT GETTING RELIGIOUS AND AGE BALANCE. NADIA WILL SEE BOTH AND DECIDE.

3. ALSO FATHER HAJ TOLD NADIA FATHER NAMANI SHOULD BE INCLUDED. I TOLD NADIA TO TELL HIM THAT I UNDERSTOOD FROM OUR MEETINGS DURING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOUR VISIT THAT KASLIK QUOTA LIMITED TO TWENTY. INCLUSION OF

NAMANI WOULD BRING OVERALL TOTAL TO 31. IF THAT POSSIBLE, ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.

4. WILL SEND LIST ASAP MINUS KASLIK NAMES WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE.

5. SENATOR ABOUREZK CAME AND WENT OVER WEEKEND WITHOUT VOIGT OR DASHELL. NO PACKET OF LETTERS; NO MENTION OF FESTIVAL OR ETHNOMUSICOLOGY PROJECT.
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